

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-5 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. Claims 6-12 have been previously withdrawn from consideration. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,796,485 to Seidler ("Seidler"). Claims 2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seidler.

Seidler discloses an electromagnetic shield body having an upper wall connected to opposing side walls and opposing end walls. At least two opening walls of the electromagnetic shield each have a plurality of resilient fingers formed at a lower edge thereof. The electromagnetic shield also includes a solder mass securely held by the fingers by being interleaved between the fingers of each of the at least two opposing walls.

The effective date of the Seidler reference is January 24, 2002. Applicants submit herewith declarations of Fredrik Palmqvist and Gustav Fagrenius under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, which establishes that Applicants were in possession of the invention disclosure upon which the application is based prior to the effective date of the Seidler reference. Under M.P.E.P. § 715.02, Applicants may overcome a 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection by showing possession of the invention (i.e., the basic inventive concept). Applicant's declarations demonstrate possession of the invention prior to the effective date of the Seidler reference, i.e., January 24, 2002. As such, Applicants request that the § 102 rejection of claims 1, 3, and 5 be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 2 and 4 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Applicants respectfully submit that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1, dependent claims 2 and 4 are also allowable and request that the § 103 rejection of claims 2 and 4 be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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